

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An organic EL device, comprising:
an anode;
a hole injection/transportation layer disposed over the anode;
a light emitting layer disposed over the hole injection/transportation layer;
~~an electrode~~ a cathode disposed over the light emitting layer and separated
from the hole injection/transportation layer; and
a bank overlapping the anode having a wall abutting on the edges of the hole injection/transportation layer and the light emitting layer to define film formation regions of the hole injection/transportation layer and the light emitting layer, the bank having a laminated structure with a plurality of layers to form at least a step between the layers, such that the film formation region of the light emitting layer covers the film formation region of the hole injection/transportation layer ~~in order that the electrode avoids contact with the hole injection/transportation layer.~~
- 2-5. (Cancelled)
6. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device according to claim 1 wherein the hole injection/transportation layer and the light emitting layer are disposed between a cathode and an anode, and wherein light emitted by the light emitting layer is output through the cathode.
- 7-8. (Cancelled)
9. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device according to claim 1 wherein the wall of the bank has rounded corners and defines the film formation regions with rounded corners.

10. (Currently Amended) An organic EL device, comprising:

an anode;

a bank overlapping the anode having a wall defining a first and a second film formation regions, the bank having a laminated structure with a plurality of layers to form at least a step between the layers, such that the second film formation region covers the first film formation region;

a hole injection/transportation layer spread within the first film formation region and disposed over the anode layer;

a light emitting layer spread above the hole injection/transportation layer and within the second film formation region;

~~an electrode a cathode~~ disposed over the light emitting layer and separated from the hole injection/transportation layer, the second film formation region covering the first film formation region ~~in order that the electrode avoids contact with the hole injection/transportation layer.~~

11. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device according to claim 10, wherein the shapes of the first and second film formation regions are quadrilateral.

12. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device according to claim 10, wherein the shapes of the first and second film formation regions have rounded corners.

13. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device according to claim 1, wherein the wall of the bank has a slope to define the film formation region of the light emitting layer being larger, in area, than the film formation region of the hole injection/transportation layer.

14. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device according to claim 10, wherein the wall of the bank has a slope to define the film formation region of the light emitting layer being larger, in area, than the film formation region of the hole injection/transportation layer.